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DEAD IN CRASH—One Torrance teenager lay dead and another was hospitalized with critical injuries following a motorcycle-station wagon crash on Anza St. north of Torrance Blvd. Dead was Rick Bergen Scott, 16, 21905 Linda Drive, left, who suffered multiple head injuries in the smash. Injured was Ronnie William Mathis, 17, of 22715 Anza St., who received critical leg injuries.



DELEGATION APPEARS . . .

Council OK's Safeguards For Local Youngsters

A small delegation of parents of children attending Sepulveda School appeared before the City Council last night to request cooperation in making the route to school more safe for their youngsters.

Council unanimously voted to okay the four-point plan outlined by Herman Lieberman, 5428 Palos Verdes Blvd., spokesman for the parents.

Proposals suggested by Lieberman included: Installation of a 100-foot asphalt sidewalk by the California Water Service pump-out, which would give mud-free access to the back way to the school yard;

Placing a crossing guard at the corner of Sepulveda and Palos Verdes Blvd. for the more than 200 young pupils who cross the intersection daily;

Installation of a fence and sidewalks at Southwood Center on city-owned property currently used for parking cars;

Studies of new municipal bus routes for transporting high school students to school. Group also suggested discount student passes for the youngsters.

City Manager Wade Peebles reported that he is currently studying variances issued at the shopping center and recommended that the asphalt sidewalk be installed immediately. Pointing out that bus route studies are currently under way, he added that the police department is also in the process of hiring the needed crossing guard.

Council turned the matter over to Peebles for implementation.

Local Restaurant Fetes Helicopter Opening Today

A new heliport for the Torrance area is being established on the grounds of the Push Horse Inn it was announced by Alfred D. Uechl, managing director.

This open facility will be used for such emergencies as ambulance craft, civilian defense craft, sheriff's craft and a convenience to the area. Several helicopter companies will participate in this community project.

Copters arrived with civic dignitaries and leads of industry this noon to attend a luncheon being hosted by S. Jon Kreedman to celebrate this event. Principal speaker at the luncheon was J. J. Rochefort, Civil Defense coordinator, Area G.



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Delay Trial for Killer of Child

Judge Asks Sanity Exams Before Trial

A Torrance mother and housewife, scheduled for arraignment Monday on charges of murdering her 5-year-old daughter, has been returned to Los Angeles General Hospital for further psychiatric examination.

Mrs. Matilda Clemensen, 37, of 19316 Donora Ave., was returned to the hospital on the order of Judge Donald Armstrong.

The woman, who admitted strangling her daughter, Beverly Kay, with a nylon stocking as she was preparing for her first day at school, last week was judged competent to stand trial by the hospital examiners as they turned her over to Torrance police.

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Mrs. Clemensen had been released from a mental hospital only two weeks before the youngster was killed.

At the time of her arrest, she had complained incoherently of "hidden television cameras and spies" and remarked that she had killed the child in order to save her from a greater danger.

Police officials reported that if the woman is found to be insane after the current psychiatric examination, she will be institutionalized. If the examiners find that she is mentally competent, she will be immediately arraigned and bound over for trial on the murder charge.

Congressman Guest Of Republican Club

Torrance Republicans will play host to the state's newest congressman at a special meeting next Tuesday.

Congressman Alphonzo E. Bell, of California's new 28th Congressional District will address the September 26th Meeting of the South Bay Young Republican Club, 8 p.m. at the Fish Shanty on Pacific Coast Highway in Torrance.

Public is invited to attend the meeting, reported James S. Murphy, president of the local club.



ALPHONZO BELL
... Congressman

1,500 EMPLOYEES . . .

Board Okays Salary Hikes For Teachers, Other Help

Blanket pay raises for some 1500 certificated and classified school employees were okayed Monday night by the Torrance Board of Education as a record crowd packed the board room.

New salary schedules approved by the board for teaching personnel will cost the district in the neighborhood of \$170,000 annually.

Raises will go into effect Oct. 9, the beginning of the second month, and will thus save the district about 10 per cent for the year.

New schedule for the teachers will range from \$5050 to \$9539 per year with the additional money coming from school reserve funds. The proposal was one of three possible choices presented to the board.

Classified employees of the district were given a 2½ per cent "across-the-board" hike in pay. Increase will become effective on Oct. 1. Board also promised that requests for fringe benefits would be considered.

Board member Bert M. Lynn acidly commented that a policy of taking an average of what other districts pay their help in order to arrive at a salary schedule for local teachers should be questioned.

Albert Charles, chairman pro tem in the absence of Chairman William Hanson, suggested the formation of a salary commission composed of board members of several districts, who could study pay schedules and make recommendations.

Watch Out For Missing Mynah

If a Torrance or Lomita resident should find himself being followed down the street by a big black bird with yellow beak and feet, talking incessantly in a mixture of Spanish and English, he need have no fears for his sanity.

Instead, he should call Russell Lloyd, of 25021 Oak St., Lomita, and claim a sizable reward.

The bird, whose name is "Tab," escaped from the Lloyd family residence Saturday night and has not been seen since.

A "hill mynah" the bird has an extensive vocabulary in two languages and is considered by Lloyd as a part of the family.

If spotted in his new life of freedom "Tab" could be inveigled indoors by offering him a little fruit and water, Lloyd said.

"He's a friendly bird," Lloyd said, "so friendly, in fact, that he might try to strike up an acquaintance with a passing cat."

Anyone having information regarding the whereabouts of the bird can contact Lloyd at DAvenport 6-2876.

\$1,000,000-Plus In Torrance Capital Projects Proposed By Manager

Capital improvements, valued in excess of \$1,000,000, were proposed for the city of Torrance this week by City Manager Wade Peebles.

Costs for the various projects would be taken from several sources, Peebles said.

These would include: General fund, \$453,500; Parks and Recreation fund, \$23,000; County gas tax, \$398,000; Drainage revolving fund, \$9,000; Airport fund, \$12,000; and Water fund, \$225,000.

Projects recommended for a priority included Isabel Henderson Library and furnishings, Waveria Library and furnishings, fire department training tower, and recreation building at the city's new civic center site.

Daylight Savings Time Ends Sunday, . . . Set Clock Back

Torrance residents were reminded this week that the annual return to Pacific Standard Time will take place Sunday morning at two hours after midnight.

To the old rule of thumb, "Spring ahead, Fall behind," clocks will be turned back one hour.

Torrance commuters will welcome the extra hour of sleep in the morning but will find it counterbalanced by the additional hour before they return home in the evening.



FULL HOUSE—Board of education meeting Monday was packed with upset parents asking resumption of school bus services and with teachers demanding salary boosts. While board finally approved minimum pay hikes

for both teachers and classified employees of the district they held their ground on policy of curtailed bus transportation for students. Cutback in buses will save nearly \$250,000 annually, board members averred.

One Youth Dead, Another Hurt in Anza Ave. Crash

One teenage youth is dead and another is hospitalized with critical injuries following a crash yesterday in which the motorcycle on which they were joyriding plunged into the side of a station wagon.

Dead is Rick Bergen Scott, 16, of 21905 Linda Drive, who suffered multiple head and leg fractures in the accident.

Investigating officers said that the other youth, Ronnie William Mathis, 17, 22715 Anza St., suffered a badly slashed foot. Physicians at Harbor General Hospital hurried the boy into surgery as soon as he arrived in an effort to save the foot from amputation.

Traffic officers said that the two youths apparently were riding the motorcycle up and down the street near the Mathis home when they crashed into the car as it turned into a driveway.

Mrs. Mary G. Sternberg, 34, driver of the vehicle, said that she attempted to turn into the driveway of her home, 20418½ Anza when the cycle crashed into the car and

CONTROVERSIAL BOOKS

Officials in the Torrance school district this week promised an investigation of contents of textbooks used in local classes after complaints from the audience at a recent board meeting.

Dr. J. H. Hull, superintendent of schools, said that he felt that questionable books should be removed from the shelves.